

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A golf ball dispenser comprising an upper container to contain golf balls and a flange to receive the balls coming from the container and supply a dispenser arm with balls one by one, such dispenser arm being arranged substantially vertically in a rest position and comprising means, arranged in the upper part close to the flange to receive balls one by one from the container, a lower end intended to dispense balls, and a pivoting means arranged in the upper end of the dispenser arm close to the flange for pivoting around a horizontal axis during a golf ball dispensing from said rest position to a dispensing position, said dispensing arm returning to said rest position from said dispensing position without a spring or a counterweight.

2. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the flange comprises a tubular receptacle through which the golf balls from the container pass to reach the dispenser arm.

3. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle comprises an upper part with a diameter designed to guide the golf balls from the container one by one, and a lower part with a larger diameter than the upper part.

4. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the dispenser

arm is partly inserted into a lower part of the receptacle, the pivot axis of the dispenser arm being securely attached to such lower part of the receptacle.

5. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the upper end of the dispenser arm comprises a bevel to allow the dispenser arm to pivot in the receptacle.

6. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 5, wherein the bevel is made along a predetermined angle corresponding to the maximum pivot of the dispenser arm.

7. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the upper end of the dispenser arm comprises means of preventing a second ball from entering the dispenser arm when the dispenser arm pivots to release a first ball already present in the dispenser arm.

8. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 7, wherein the prevention means consist of a rim of the end of the dispenser arm.

9. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle comprises a bevel at its lower end acting as a stop for the pivoting of the dispenser arm.

10. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the internal diameter of the dispenser arm is substantially equal to the internal diameter of the upper part

of the receptacle.

11. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, further including a protruding wedge, arranged on the inner surface of the lower part of the receptacle and cooperating with an opening made in the dispenser arm, such wedge acting to block the ball inserted in the dispenser arm, with the next ball resting on the first ball; and in that the wedge is shaped so as to release the golf ball present in the dispenser arm when the said arm pivots.

12. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 11, wherein the wedge has a slope designed to release the ball present in the dispenser arm when the said dispenser arm reaches a predetermined pivoting angle.

13. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 1, further including magnets to hold the dispenser arm either in the rest position or in the dispensing position.

14. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the magnets are arranged in the receptacle.

15. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the dispenser arm comprises a brake allowing for the golf ball to be deposited accurately.

16. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 15, wherein the brake is an “S” shaped bend made close to the lower end of the dispenser arm.

17. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the lower end of the dispenser arm has a cut-out to prevent it from taking with it a golf ball that has just been deposited.

18. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the flange comprises a tripod to hold the dispenser in an upper position.

19. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the tripod comprises telescopic legs.

20. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the tripod comprises two front legs arranged on a vertical plane perpendicular to the direction of movement of the dispenser arm, these two legs facing the user, and a third rear leg arranged on the opposite side to the two front legs relative to the flange.

21. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the two front legs are such that the first leg is approximately vertical and the second leg is sloping to balance the tripod.

22. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 21, wherein the flange comprises a reversible block to position the two front legs in a first position in which the left leg is sloping and in a second position in which the right leg is sloping.

23. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 20, wherein the third rear leg comprises a hook designed to receive a weight to increase the balance of the tripod.

24. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 18, wherein the three legs are removable and have a diameter such that they can be housed inside the dispenser arm for transport.

25. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle is height-adjustable relative to the flange.

26. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the upper container consists of a vertical barrel arranged above the flange, the axis of rotation of the barrel being offset relative to the axis of the upper opening of the receptacle.

27. (Withdrawn) The dispenser according to claim 26, wherein the barrel is

topped with a disc comprising peripheral openings facing the cavities in the said barrel in order to guide the balls into these cavities, and a central protrusion to guide the balls towards these peripheral openings, and in that the dispenser also comprises a removable funnel, flared towards the top, that engages with the edge of the disc.

28. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the inside of the dispenser arm comprises several non-concentric rings to slow down the drop of the golf ball.

29. (Previously Presented) The dispenser according to claim 28, wherein the rings are arranged so that the distance between two consecutive rings decreases closer to the lower end of the dispenser arm.